

Living with Covid-19

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

Dear parents/guardians,

I am writing regarding the changes to Covid-19 guidance for schools. The government have removed the requirement for staff to carry out regular asymptomatic testing. However as we have a specialist provision on site and children with medical needs attending our mainstream classes we will be following the special education guidance which recommends staff to continue with regular testing.

We have also been advised by Public health Kingston to re-introduce testing if there are any local outbreaks or increase in cases within the community. Thankfully cases seem to be lower and we have not had any new cases reported this week.

**Protecting the most vulnerable**

Moving forward and learning to live with Covid-19 we wish to take a measured and careful approach and so we are being asked to be vigilant for symptoms and the possibility of any new strains. Isolation has changed from a legal duty to advice, however government are still advising that adults and children who test positive stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least 5 days. We will be recommending this in the same way as we would manage other illnesses such as chickenpox or a sickness bug.

Until 1<sup>st</sup> April PCR tests are still available free of charge.

**Reporting absence**

Please do continue to inform the school if your child has symptoms or has a positive result so that we can continue to track the number of cases within the community. You can report all absence via study bugs or call the school office.

**Face coverings**

This is now optional to be worn if entering the school, if there are any outbreaks or changes to guidance regarding face coverings we will let you know.



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## Reducing the risks

At Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery we will continue to do the following to ensure the risks are minimised:

- Ventilate all indoor spaces
- Spend time outside
- Enhanced cleaning of frequently touched resources
- Wearing face coverings in crowded places/when in very close contact
- Washing hands and using sanitiser frequently
- Testing regularly and getting a PCR if have any symptoms
- Staying at home if unwell

We ask for your support in keeping children off school if unwell and getting tested if they have any of the 3 main symptoms of covid-19.

Please do let us know if you need any support with any of the above including help with obtaining any tests.

Thank you all for your continued support during these very challenging times, we really hope to go from strength to strength over the next term.

Yours sincerely



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